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	Consulate General of India, Osaka	One visa sticker	Post conveyed that the latest balance of stock was checked by the auditing team and the stock was found in order.
	Embassy of India, Tokya	Four visa stickers	Mission conveyed that prompt action was taken by informing all concerned about the cancellation of the visa-stickers.
4	High Commission of India, Dar-es-Salaam	One visa sticker	Mission conveyed that visa stock and issue register were completely burnt during a fire on 10th April, 2002 and therefore, discrepancy could not be reconciled.
	Embassy of India, Helsinki	Two packets containing 40 passport booklets.	Mission confirmed that two packets containing 40 booklets were subsequently received by them.
	Consulate General of India, Jeddah	One packet containing 100 passport booklets	Post confirmed that the 100 passport booklets were sent to Embassy of India, Doha.
	Embassy of India, Mongolia	500 visa stickers	Mission confirmed that 500 visa stickers were subsequently accounted for.
	Embassy of India, Moscow	2000 visa stickers	Mission confirmed that it has subsequently received 2000 visa stickers.
	Embassy of India, Berlin	One visa sticker	Mission indicated that the matter was subsequently cleared by the audit.
	Consulate General of India, Jeddah	300 passport booklets	Post confirmed that the 300 passport booklets have been subsequently received.
	High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur	10 Passport booklets	The missing booklets have been revoked.
	High Commission of India, Kampala	500 ordinary passport booklets	Mission confirmed that there were no missing passport booklets.
	Embassy of India, Baghdad	40 ordinary passport booklets	Mission conveyed that the 40 passports which were reportedly unaccounted were actually utilised in December, 2003.
	Embassy of India, Bucharest	11 Emergency Certificates	Revocation circular issued by the Post in July 2002.
	Consulate General of India, Houston	400 passport booklets Short receipt of 34 visa	These were lost in transit and could not be traced. The Consulate issued a loss circular in August 2003.
!6	Consulate General of India, Mandalay.	Four visa stickers lost	Loss circular issued in April, 2003.
17	High Commission of India, Dhaka	stickers during January 2004 to April 2006.	Revocation circulars issued by the Mission.

Resumption of talks with Pakistan

3296. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the new Government taking over in Pakistan, India has asked for an early resumption of the composite dialogue process that was stalled due to the political developments in Pakistan;

whether on 2nd April Hon'ble Minister discussed the possibility of fixing up a date for a meeting to revive the last round of the composite dialogue process;

whether the new Government of Pakistan has agreed to continue talks to improve the relations; and

if so, whether any final date has been fixed for resumption of talks with Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Yes.

(d) External Affairs Minister will be visiting Islamabad on 21 May 2008 to hold the review meeting of the 4th round of Composite Dialogue. The visit of External Affairs Minister will be preceded by the visit of Foreign Secretary on 20 May 2008.

Supply of arms to Nepal

3297. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Indian has started supplying arms to Nepal;

if so, the details thereof; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

Does not arise.

No formal request has been received from the Government of Nepal.

Renewal of passports

3298. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether any limit has been prescribed for submitting applications and issue of fresh passports or in case of renewal/re-issue of passport by the passport offices under normal or Tatkal scheme; and

if so, the'details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Under normal category, time target for issue of fresh passports is 30 days subject to receipt of clear Police Verification Report and completion of all formalities. In re-issue cases, time target for issue of passports is 15 days from the date of application subject to completion of all formalities. Under the "Tatkal Scheme", passports are to be issued within 7 days or within 14 days depending upon the payment of prescribed fees and submission of documents required under the Tatkal Scheme. The re-issue of passports under the Tatkal scheme is within 3 working days on payment of prescribed fee and submission of prescribed documents.